

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM REQUEST FOR)	
DETERMINATION OF RATES APPLICABLE TO)	
TRANSPORTATION AND TREATMENT OF SEWAGE)	D.T.E. 02-46
PURSUANT TO INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT)	
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**AMENDED JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR FILING
INITIAL POST-HEARING BRIEFS AND REPLY BRIEFS**

The Town of Framingham ("Framingham") and the Town of Ashland ("Ashland") hereby jointly move for a one-week extension of the deadlines for the filing of the parties' initial post-hearing briefs, so that the briefs now will be due on Friday, October 24, 2003, rather than on Friday, October 17, 2003, and a corresponding extension of the deadline for filing reply briefs. In support of this motion, the parties state as follows.

1. At the conclusion of the four-day evidentiary hearing in this matter, the Department set a deadline for the filing of the parties' initial post-hearing briefs of Friday, October 17, 2003, and a deadline of Friday, October 31, 2003, for the filing of reply briefs.

2. Despite diligent efforts, the parties' counsel anticipate that they will be unable to finalize the parties' respective initial briefs by October 17th, due to exigencies that

have arisen in other matters, the necessity of having the briefs reviewed and approved by several different representatives of each party, the complexity and length of the testimony and exhibits offered during the four-day hearing, and the intervening Columbus Day holiday. Thus, the parties request a brief extension of time to finalize their initial post-hearing briefs, and a corresponding extension of time to file their reply briefs.

3. Both parties agree, in connection with this motion for an extension of time, that neither party shall take the position that the Department will be divested of jurisdiction over this matter if the Department fails to issue a decision by December 9, 2003.

WHEREFORE, the parties jointly request a seven-day extension of the deadlines for filing post-hearing briefs and reply briefs, so that the parties' initial briefs will be due on Friday, October 24, 2003, with reply briefs due on November 7, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
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